

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration which lists priority application information consistent with the originally filed application.

Claims 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Schmitz. Applicants respectfully traverse but in order to expedite prosecution, have canceled claims 8 and 9 without prejudice and reserve the right to file a continuing application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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